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Paw Paw, MI

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No, it's not an invasion or a stepping up of the draft age...it was army day!
(see back page for another picture)

TOURNAMENT

The boys all-star games will be under way soon with the first match being held at Bangor February 12.

February 15 the 7th grade plays at Decatur, February 17 the 7th and 8th grade play at Decatur and Bangor respectively and the last game is February 19, 7th at Decatur and 8th at Bangor.

The boys will play teams coming from Hartford, Covert, South Haven, Bangor, Decatur, Saugatuck, and also S.Haven's St. Basil's.

M.T.

ALL STARS

The 8th grade all-stars are made up of Peter Rozenbergs, Kevin Staniszewski, Chris Rickli, Jason "Bubba" Vandenbos, Chris Wallace, Jeff Montgomery, Bill Tula, Jon Imus, Mike Larson, Todd Hess, and Stefan Tokarchick. They're being coached by Mr. Watterworth.

The 6th and 7th grade all-stars include Steve Johnson, Rick Walters, James Calhoun, Aaron Rickli, Malcolm Megginson,

Brent White, Calvin Williams, Mike Bailey, Chad Lyon, Steve Van Brussel, Troy Hendrickson, Scott Flick, Joel Parish, and Eric Greene. Their coach is Mr. Erickson. m.t. & k.h.

Tranquil

The stream is so peaceful
The grass is so green
Life is perfect for
Every human being.

The dog's in the backyard,
The tree tops sway
Everything's right
In every other way.

A cat with her kittens
A child at hand
The moon awakes silently
Across the sand.

All these things are beautiful
All these things are bright
I love to think of all these things
Before I say good night.

The night is almost over
The day's around the bend
And I am very willing
To face the world again.

8th grader



Movie Favorites

Three reporters surveyed a wide selection of students and arrived at the following order for the top ten favorites among middle schoolers.

1. Taps
2. E.T.
3. Best Little House in Texas
4. On Golden Pond
5. Fast times at Ridgemont High
6. Escape from Alcatraz
7. The Toy
8. Cheech and Chong -Nice Dreams
9. First Blood
10. Poltergeist

c.r.d.r. & d.m.

R. & P. Ball

Paddleball and racquetball matches have been in progress at the middle school since December 10. The matches run until there have been ten rounds and a clear champion.

The paddleball session itself ended with Scott Lindenbach as champion and undefeated at that.

The racquetball session was next and is finishing up its season.

Those participating include Scott Lindenbach, David Millek, Wendy Hoger, Mike McCarthy, Aaron Fulkrod, David Moorian, Joe Newman and Octavio Medina.

Mr. Brill

Mr. Brill teaches 7th and 8th grade social studies and reading. He is 52, is married and has nine children. His oldest child is 26 and his youngest is 10. He has taught for 26 years.

Mr. Brill was born in Chicago and moved to Paw Paw his freshman year of high school. His bachelor's degree is in history and social studies. He majored in English as well. His master's degree is secondary education.

Mr. Brill was principal of the high school for five years and principal of the middle school for ten. Before that he was in charge of transportation for Paw Paw Schools for eight years.

He told these reporters that Paw Paw Schools were closely related to Western Michigan University years ago. Western would train its student teachers at Paw Paw High and Paw Paw Elementary.

The middle school used to hold

all grades, kindergarten to 12. Downstairs was the elementary and upstairs was the high school.

Mr. Synder's room was the library and Mr. Brill's room was the machine mechanics room.

Mr. Brill has been here from 1944- until the present excluding four years in the air force and four at Western Michigan.

t.r. & j.c.

Mrs. Chapman-Jones

The middle school's newest teacher? Mrs. Chapman-Jones? Not really. Ms. Chapman was married over the Christmas break; in fact she married on Christmas eve in Colorado.

She now has three step children, Scott who is 19 and goes to M.S.U., Julie, 17 and Holly, 11. Julie and Holly go to Schoolcraft Schools.

Mrs. Chapman-Jones enjoys soccer, sailing and skiing. She and her husband have a sail boat.

Congratulations, Mrs. Chapman-Jones!

l.w.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is believed to have begun in a festival of the Romans called Lupercalia. The men wore the names of the girls who were to be their partners during the Lupercalia; these were pinned to their sleeves.

After the Lupercalia became a saint's day honoring St. Valentine some of the old customs were kept, particularly the idea of matching up partners.

Later people began to exchange cards at Valentine's day.

The Duke of Orleans is believed to be the first to make a Valentine card.

n.c.



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To Ed,

To a real fox I really like. When you were new I comforted you. Will you be mine? love T.S.

G. Hog's Predicting Early Spring

Ground Hog's Day is a German custom that Germans and British brought to this country. They believed that there was a day for forecasting the weather.

According to legend, if the ground hog saw his shadow on February 2nd, there will be six more weeks of winter. Supposedly the sleepy hog looks out on a sunny day and his shadow frightens him back into his hole. If he doesn't see his shadow, he stays out his hole and spring is expected to come soon.

c.e. & n.c.

Valentine's Greetings



Roses are Red , Violets are Blue
What did your sweetie write to you?

Jary. Thanks for being a helpful friend.
K.

To Jaybee- Good luck with Kyle K.

To Kathy T.- good luck with Matt C., Scott P. or Ricky S. love your sister.

To Jennifer -good luck with Chuck B.

Todd Hess- love ya- Mr. Bill

To my sweet Cynthia K., You are the most radiant person I've ever come to know and you are the sunshine of my day, the apple of my eye. Now I can say that the love of my life has arrived. Happy Valentine's Day. From your dearest Mel (vin). F.S. Sorry Teff!

Dear Everett, You think you're sweet You think you're grand, You go to the movies and hold your hand. You put your arm around your waist and when you get fresh you slap your face. Happy Valentine's... love Muff, Duff, & Me.

To Edith Gobble Gobble... From Take a Guess?

To Holly My Love, Your cheeks are so red your eyes are so blue When I look at you I love you so true. Your secret admirer,

(I bet you know who I am)

To Sandy B. with love... Roses are red violets are blue. My love for you will

always be true. Secret Admirer.
C.R.

Special "K". Hi. Love you lots!
Dr. Bunson Honeydew.

DM. I lk y at. I wt. t. gt t kn y at bttr. lv y alws. y. gd gd gd. frnd!!!

Rick Walters- Somebody loves you deep and true -If I weren't bashful I'd tell you. Love ya always...p.s. it's not Melissa either.

Bobby Yarbrough- Will you be my Valentine? Tracy B.

A valentine to the sweet Kimmy T.
Dear Tolluy,

You are the only girl for me in the entire world. You're so beautiful. Love ya...

anonymous from Zelp's class

To my valentine- the sweetest, warmest, most caring person I know- to the sunshine on a cloudy day, the smile when there's nothing to smile about, to the person I feel privileged to call my best friend- Melodie Perry- from Cindy K.

To Jeff Montgomery-

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I know you love me
And I love you too.

Guess who???

To M.S.

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I love you
You love me too.

To Tina Snow,

Ya know I really think you are cute. But being new here I didn't know whether or not to tell ya that you're a fox. Will you be mine?

Love ya,

Ed J.

To Matt C. & Mark K.,

To the most charming boys in 6th gr. Happy Valentine's. love Mel & Cin

Dear Sam,

Dear Sam,

There are many kids in my classes who will not study or who have the attitude that they don't want to do well in class - maybe they're lazy as well. I don't feel that way. I want to make my life better and make something of myself, but I feel so alone. What makes them act that way? What should I do?

Alone in space

Dear Alone,

I think you should tell the students in your class about it in a discussion. It is almost normal for them to act that way because every kid wants to fool around when they're supposed to be working.

Try and do what I said and maybe you'll get good results. Good luck

Dear Sam,

I like this guy but he likes my best friend D.C. and he wants to get them together. I could just barf. He knows that I like him (a lot). What should I do?

Confused

Dear Con,

I think you should tell this guy (again) that you like him either in a letter or over the phone. Also you may talk to your friend and maybe she can talk to him. If she realizes how much you like him, she may not want to hurt your feelings by becoming his girl friend.

Dear Sam,

I am in love with a 32 year old man! Is there any hope for a relationship between us?

Young love

Dear Young,

I think you should try and get over your love for this man. In the future you will meet a guy more your age and you can have a real relationship. After all when you're 21 this guy would be 40! He could be your father.

Dear Sam,

I am always getting into trouble with my teachers and my parents. I don't know why. What should I do?

Troublemaker

Dear Trouble,

Start by trying to do everything your teachers require of you and always be on your best behavior.

Also try and talk with your parents about it. Maybe you need to know more clearly what they expect from you.

You can't hope to solve the problem until you really examine what you're doing. If you are really sure you are doing everything right, then you may need to talk to a third party like a teacher, a minister or Mr. Pefley. Let me know if things improve.

Dear Sam,

I've been talking to a lot of my friends lately and no one, counting me, is getting along too well at home. At first I thought it was just me... but I guess I'm not alone. Some have seriously been thinking of running away. And I don't like this feeling at all.

Me

Dear Me,

First of all, talk your friends into seeing someone, a teacher, Mr. Pefley or Mr. Drury, someone who can explain to them the seriousness of running away. It can and often does involve the police and it can damage their family situations more than they realize. If, however, they feel in danger at home, they need to tell someone... such as those already mentioned and get help soon!

Most important.. they need to and it sounds like you too need to talk to someone, some adult. If they can't talk to someone at home, then have them try someone at school or at church.. soon. Don't delay.

The Good Timers meet every even day first hour and include some 6th graders and volunteer 7th graders as well.

Tammy Ruthruff, Kathy Hoover, Norma Cusley, Meredith Terry, Scott Lindenbach, Pat Killarney, Dawn Trotter, Carol Roberts, Doreen Ripley, Chris Eyer, Nicole Campbell, Todd Harmon, Diana McMunn, Jacquie Carlsen, Julie and Sharyl Golisek, Darcy Lehto, Brett Lehto, Kathy Triquet, Cliff Overacker, Sheila Hughes, P.J. Moore, Ann Willacker, and Trevor Smith, Susan Elmore, and Lora Wilson.



Meet Mr. Drury

Mr. Drury has been a principal for six years and he loves being principal. He said nothing is finer than being a principal in Paw Paw.

He has one child named John Drury who is four years old.

His favorite colors are black and red. His hobbies are tennis, jogging and reading. He said it would be fun to try out more careers..

In college he majored in English language, history, and literature. He went to college for four years fulltime and for nine years part-time.

t.r. & s.e.

Whatever!

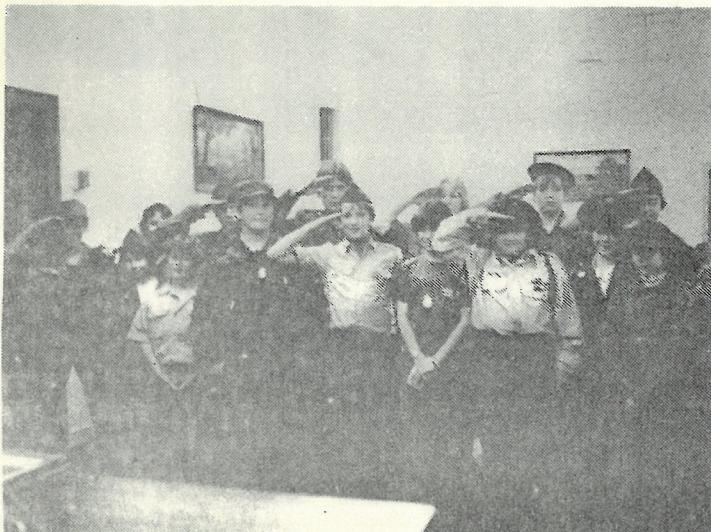
A unicorn in the hallway? Stefan Tokarchick was seen wearing a cone-shaped headband in the halls . Maybe trying out a new look for the new year?

Chad Worden's power plays in volleyball hit new heights. The ceiling lights as a matter of fact... and broke one. Oops!

Scaling the heights in science class was too much for Kathy Hoover as she tripped lightly up them...Graceful as a .. what was it?

There's a student teacher in 6th grade... watch the next Good Times for an interview with Mr. Reister.

Preparing for the spring rains? The middle school is... See the picture on p.6



E.T. Revisited

It was after dinner on a Saturday evening and ,as usual, I was stuck' with clearing off the table. Dad and my brother were working late so mom was over at the stove keeping some dinner warm for them. My little sister Ellen was downstairs. Just then, we heard an unusual noise from the basement.

I looked over to the stove and jokingly said, "Stay here, mom, I will check it out."

I proceeded down the stairs fully expecting to find her feeding the goldfish her cat again, or to discover some sort of mess or concoction that only a seven year old little sister could dream up. As I peered down, it looked as though everything were in order. The only thing that looked usnusual was a trail of half eaten Reese's Pieces. (possibly due to the fact that they were stale from Halloween.) strewn about the floor leading to the game room. It was evident that someone was playing Pac Man.

When I entered the room I witnessed as scene which would be understatingly described as eye-opening. Sitting relaxed in a beanbag chair was my sister Ellen. Jamming away at Pac Man was E.T.!

Ellen looked up and exclaimed,"Well, just don't stand there and stare at him. You'll give him a complex or something."

I managed to choke out,"Explain!"

"Listen. I found him down here pouting in the corner. He was down on his luck and crying into his Coors. I thought playing Pac Man might take his mind off his troubles."

"I thought he went home."

"He tried to phone but the lines were busy and he ran out of quarters. Give him a break. He's been through a lot."

"No kidding. I saw the movie. Why doesn't he take one of those interstellar taxi services?"

"Couldn't pay for it. He left home without his American Express Card."

Seeing that I wasn't getting anywhere with my sister, I turned to E.T.

"E.T.? E.T.? ... E.T.?"

"Jeff... Jeff... Wake up. You fell asleep."

"I what? Asleep. But I... O h..."

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"It couldn't be because I've seen this movie 24 times."

"What were you dreaming about? You kept mumbling," my sister inquired as we left the theatre.

"Nothing. Say would you like to go play Pac Man?"

J. Fowless

Atari

The Atari video game computer is manufactured by Warner Communications and was first put out in 1979. The whole set which includes two joy sticks, two paddle controls and one combat cartridge runs from \$129 and up. Other cartridges cost about \$12 to \$ 35, varying from store to store.

The most popular game cartridges are Pac Man, Donkey Kong, Pit Fall, Frogger, Dragon Fire, Circus, Star Blazer, Megamania, and Kaboom.

C.E Menu Helpers

This month's opinion poll asked readers what they'd enjoy seeing added to the cafeteria menu.

Annette Brugh said, "Chocolate ice cream." Cheri Fisk said, "McDonald's food." Kathy Triquet mentioned "a salad bar." Carrie Fay said, "sandwiches and cheaper food." Amy Beardon said, "to be able to go up to a table and get whatever you wanted."

Mona Reisterer suggested, "better pizza." Doug Reisterer thought, "steak." Nicole Campbell said, "seafood." Lisa Burns asked for "better hamburger... without grease." Tina Snow wanted, "hot fudge sundaes."

Pam Koppers thought she'd like "steak, salsa with decent dressing." Greta Ogden said, "shrimp and a salad bar." Bob Yack said, "I can't say." Chad Warden wants "lobster and crab legs or shrimp and scallops." Melodie Perry said, "just improve it and I'll be satisfied."

Jane Rice mentioned "seafood because sometimes I like to have a variety." Brian Brusach asked for "McDonald's because I don't eat breakfast and by lunch I'll eat anything. Also McDonald's has everything in it." Connie Kirshenbauer said, "a smorgasbord -for something different every day.. or McDonald's." Maricela Garcia, Todd Hess, and Ken McMullen all requested "McDonalds."

Bev Crosser too thought "McDonald's because I always get this craving about 12:00 for a Big Mac, large fries and a chocolate shake." Kyle Kirshman agreed. Tim Mihelich said, "we should have hamburgers from ... (where else?) McDonalds."

Daphne Sinkewiz said, "pizza from Hiatt House." Dawn Trotter wants to see "pop" added. Mark Duell wants "Mac's, fries, shakes etc."

John Glomski said, "good food.. pizza Hut." Mary Nolan also wants "pop," as did Lori Humphrey and Tina Lasinski. Noreen Demereck wants "Doritos instead of potato chips, and pop." Jason Serbenski suggested "having it catered,"

Rinda Teske said "chocolate ice cream". Micah Billings said, "McDonald's shakes." John Tapper also wants "McDonald's". Scott Flick said, "a whole new kitchen with a snack bar, pop machine and lots of candy and gum." Matt Hess wants "taco rolls and steak."

Mark Wickett wants "tacos every Monday" Eric Archveldt wants "pizza every Wednesday" as does Carey Jones. Cathy Blonton said, "frankfurters on Mondays." Tim Combs said, "subs." Sindy Roberts and Peggy Potter want "open campus." Nanci Goble said, "no worms." And Jeff Montgomery wants "to go up town and eat where there's real food."

Spelling Bees

School wide spelling competition will take place February 23 with ten representatives from each grade participating. Winners will go to bees in Lawton and St. Joe.

